MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Taluk Rationing Officer is issuing licences.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government are aware that wholesale dealers, for example in Thiruvella, are still running retail shops side by side with wholesale shops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I will enquire.

Retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk.

517. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of all the retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk.

518. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: [illegible]

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I may refer the honourable member to the statement published in Appendix I.

Food grains distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk.

519. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war list of grain distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Wholesale and retail Merchants.

520. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a taluk-war statement showing:

(*a*) the number of wholesale merchants in food-grains in 1120;

(*b*) the number of retail merchants in the same year;

(*c*) the number of wholesale merchants at present; and

(*d*) the number of retail merchants at present?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) The required information is furnished in the statement appended.*

Purchase of paddy.

521. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy purchased by the Travancore Government under the Settlement Pattom and on the excess basis, in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively; and

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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